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Welcome

Servicemen and Students

First, let us tell you why we are able to address the words of the heading to you. Recently the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission decided to send *The Northwestern Lutheran* to you — the servicemen and students whose names are on its rolls. The Commission members are, of course, not acting for themselves but on behalf of your Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. It is the members of the Synod whose contributions make possible this expanded service to you. But the Commission members were confident that their fellow Lutherans in the Synod would want them to take this step.

Therefore we are able to welcome you to the ranks of our readers. Strictly, this statement does not apply to all of you. Some of you have been receiving our church-paper as a gift from your congregations, or families, or through your own subscriptions. But most of you will be receiving it regularly (every two weeks) for the first time with this issue.

It is our constant aim to make *The Northwestern Lutheran* a means of building up all of our readers in their faith in the Savior; to inform and inspire them for the Lord's work we are doing together as a Synod; to aid them in making a good, solid confession of their Lord Jesus, "once crucified for sinful men"; to fortify them against the many forces at work to undermine and destroy their faith and to muffle or silence their confession. It is our hope and our humble prayer to God that we may be enabled to do this for you, too.

For this very reason, we shall not treat you as a species of "rare bird." It is our observation that you don't want to be regarded and treated in that way, either. You want to be looked upon simply as Christians, as members of Christian, Lutheran congregations whose duty to country or pursuit of education happens to take them away from home. Of course, there are features of your life which are quite different from that which we live at home. Special dangers exist for you, too. But we do not propose to run a special column aimed at you alone. If that were the logical thing to do, then we would have

to have something special for the Lutheran carpenter, the doctor, the machinist, the construction worker, the teacher, the plumber, the pizza-pie maker.

No, our writers will speak to you as mature sons and daughters of God, not as kindergartners in the faith. As such you will be able to apply what you read to your own particular situation and station in life. We all, no matter what our calling, have the same basic needs. We need to know what to do about the fact that we sin daily and much, though we sincerely want to live only to Him who died for us and rose again. In short, we must know, and dare never forget, how to repent, how to "lay all our sins on Jesus," to "bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains White in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains." Another need is to grow in the certainty that for Jesus' sake God's favor rests on us and that His unchanging, inexhaustible love attends us always and everywhere. Still another need is to have constantly before us God's will for living to Him, the God of our salvation. A fourth need is more strength and zeal to tell others of our blessed Christ, with our own lips and by the mouths of our pastors and missionaries. These and other needs you have in common with all of us. To these needs we shall address ourselves.

And, by the way, we are not going to attempt using the special "lingo" of the servicemen or the student. From what we have heard and read, many of those attempting to "talk their language" in this way don't hit it off very well and often make themselves ridiculous in the eyes of those whom they are trying to impress. We choose not to run that risk. We shall speak to you in the standard English in use generally. We shall use plain but dignified English so that your reading of *The Northwestern Lutheran* may be an effective contact and link with your home and your congregation and your Synod — and that means with the life and work of faith and love toward God in these.

WERNER H. FRANZMANN
The Managing Editor

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57

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COVER — The Entrance to the Administration Building at Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

Editorials

Vatican Council II Now that the second of the two sessions of Vatican Council II has come to an end, the purpose of the Council begins to emerge more clearly. There never was any intention of formulating a new doctrine, such as that of the infallibility of the Pope which was enounced by the Council of 1870; nor was there any intention of altering or revoking any old doctrine. The nearest that the Council came to adding anything to the body of Roman Catholic doctrine was the Pope's declaration that Mary is to be regarded as the Mother of the Church. Otherwise all the resolutions and acts of the Council and of the Pope seemed to be directed to the end of improving the image of the Roman Catholic Church in the eyes of its own people and in the eyes of the rest of the world.

On the first Sunday in Advent some Roman Catholic congregations had the new experience of hearing a large part of the mass liturgy read in English instead of the traditional Latin; a layman, called the lector, read the Scripture lessons; and the priest celebrated the mass facing his congregation over a free-standing altar. Congregational singing was also attempted in some churches. All of this was aimed at making the congregation feel that it was part of the service and at lowering the barrier that existed between layman and priest. These changes had been recommended and permitted by the Council.

There was strong sentiment at the Council in favor of relaxing the laws governing mixed marriages and of permitting birth control. Local bishops were given more authority and were brought closer to the center of church government. If the American bishops had had their way, the Council would have declared itself in favor of the principle of religious freedom, even in Catholic countries. The declaration that the Church did not hold the Jewish people as such guilty of crucifying Jesus quieted criticism from that quarter and gained some friends. The invitation to other denominations to attend the meetings of the bishops as observers and the friendly term of "separated brethren" used in addressing them impressed the observers with the new sweet reasonableness and moderation of Rome. The Council even admitted that it may have been somewhat at fault, too, in provoking the Reformation that brought about the break in the Church. The Pope's visit to India, the conversations and dialogs between Catholics and others, joint meetings for the purpose of singing each other's hymns, all furthered the purpose of making the Roman Church appear less rigid and aloof and to advertise its willingness to act as the agent of reconciliation and brotherhood. The uniform applause with which the reporters and observers have greeted all the pronouncements and acts of the Council and of the Pope shows how well the Council has succeeded in this purpose.

A few changes were made in the form of the mass. In reality, these changes were quite minor, but to the Catholic churchgoer they must seem revolutionary. Of

the doctrine of the mass, however, not a word was spoken or written. That remains as it was: it changes the greatest gift of Christ into a work that man offers to God and for which he expects a reward. The mass is as far removed as ever from the Lord's Supper as Christ instituted it.

ERWIN E. KOWALKE

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The Church's "Image" The word "image" has been put to new use in recent years, and it is getting little rest these days. As employed in modern jargon it refers to what people think of you. This is your "image," and this is to many a matter of deep concern and frequent discussion, particularly to individuals and organizations in the public eye.

The concern is not new, only the terminology. Nor is it necessarily wrong. While Pontius Pilate was obviously concerned about his image in the minds of the Jewish people, so was Jesus when He asked, "Who do men say that I am?" However, there was an important difference in their concern. While the one was obsessed with a desire for personal popularity, the other was concerned about the perception and faith of the people as it related to Him.

Twentieth-century congregations and church bodies seem to be increasingly concerned about their image. This concern, as commonly expressed, carries with it a strong temptation — the temptation to avoid teaching any doctrine, however true, and to avoid taking any position, however Scriptural, which tends to create an unfavorable public image.

Jesus once said, "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!" This certainly does not imply that the more obnoxious we make ourselves, the holier we are. But it does make it clear that if the Church is faithful to Christ, it will not create an image that is uniformly favorable. As a matter of fact, the approbation of an ungodly world is a sure indication that the Church is failing to fulfill its function.

When Jesus asked, "Who do men say that I am?" He was not sampling public opinion with a view to creating a more favorable image by accommodating Himself to the false views of those who did not know the truth about Him or who were unwilling to accept it. And the Church dare not do that today with respect to its teachings and practices lest its public image become a Moloch which it serves instead of God.

IMMANUEL G. FREY

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Traditional Theology Can Be Hard Too The claim has often been made that the exploratory and critical approach to the Bible and theology is demanding and hard and that the traditional approach is unthinking and easy. To quote a typical statement: "The traditionalist approach, which accepts what has been because it is what always has been, is easier and more comfortable."

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News FROM OUR
Missions

"AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY" — FOR MANY OF US

(The longer letter below is one that Professor Conrad Frey addressed to the student-bodies of Synodical schools. In the shorter letter addressed to the Editor, he explains his reason for making it available for publication.—Ed.)

Rev. W. Franzmann
Editor — Northwestern Lutheran
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a copy of letter that was sent to the student-bodies of each of our Synodical schools.

Over the years the students in our Synodical schools, as well as the students in our area schools and elementary schools, have taken a keen interest particularly in the mission programs of the Church, and they have demonstrated this interest in tangible support of special mission projects. It is for this reason that I have called their attention to a mission project of a special nature which, I feel, merits their support and the support of others who have a deep concern for the souls of men.

I am making a copy of the letter available to you in the fond hope that you will consider it to be of sufficient interest to print in *The Northwestern Lutheran*. There are others besides students in the Synod, I am sure, in whom the contents of the letter will strike a responsive chord since it provides an exceptional opportunity to reach out with the Gospel in a vast area where its comfort and consolation are so sorely missing.

Your fellow Christians here in the Orient commend you and your readers to God's grace and loving care.

Sincerely,

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January 14, 1965

Student Body of

Dear Friends,

I would like to call attention to a project which can be of tremendous spiritual blessing to lost souls in this part of the world — souls doomed to hell unless they are reached by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Permit me to tell you about this project.

The Far-East Broadcasting Company with headquarters in Manila has requested the Christian Chinese

Lutheran Mission in Hong Kong once again to undertake religious broadcasts. The CCLM has done this at one time with signal success. The CCLM has acceded to this request and will begin programs this month with four broadcasts a week, two in the Cantonese language and two in the Mandarin. Potentially these broadcasts will have a huge audience since they will reach Taiwan (Formosa), Singapore, Manila, Red China, the Philippines proper, Bangkok, Saigon, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Okinawa. Each broadcast is for a half-hour and there is no charge for the broadcast time. The programs are taped in Cantonese and Mandarin. They consist of choir music, special music, dramatized Bible stories, a sermonette, and an invitation to write to the CCLM for spiritual help and tracts. I might add that I heard one of the tapes used when the CCLM was broadcasting before. It was excellently done. In fact, I was flabbergasted by the quality. As you can tell, I am very excited about this since the possibilities are tremendous.

These programs will enable the Word of God to get into areas of the Orient which are otherwise closed to the Gospel ministry. Furthermore, they will provide us with contacts in other parts of the Orient where we hope that in the not-too-distant future the Gospel ministry can be extended through missionaries.

Naturally there are expenses connected with a venture of this kind since some salaried personnel will be required as well as tapes, postage, printing, and the like. It is estimated that it will cost \$460.00 a month to undertake this Gospel radio mission which will be called "The Voice of Salvation."

Many of you have been giving visible evidence of your interest in doing that which will promote the Lord's kingdom on earth. Here, I believe, is a God-given opportunity to help support the spread of the saving Gospel in an unusual way and over a very wide area — an area that so sorely needs the good news of salvation. Hence it is my hope that you will take this project under serious consideration and that the Holy Spirit will see fit to lead you to give "The Voice of Salvation" the support of your prayers and gifts.

Sincerely,

PROF. CONRAD FREY

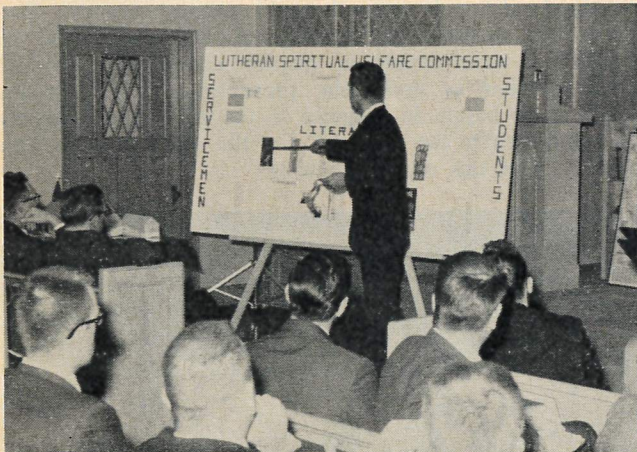
"Here Am I; Send Me"

Epiphany Mission Seminar -- 1965

The readiness to go forth in the spirit of Isaiah to witness for the Lord was very evident in the Mission Week, January 18-22, at our Seminary at Mequon.

Everything pointed to this spirit: the enthusiasm, the thorough preparation, and the prayerful presentation. One left with a sense of well-being and optimism in knowing that faculty and students, dedicated as they are to sound doctrine, are also filled with the spirit of missions.

In his brief closing remarks President Carl Lawrenz of the Seminary neatly summed it up, noting that the Mission Seminar had been held most appropriately during the Epiphany Season, emphasizing the revelation of Christ to the world. He said, "While we thank all the participants for the able part they had in this Mission Seminar, we thank our God, above all. Without Him there would be nothing to emphasize, nothing to proclaim. He established the Gospel which has warmed



ONE OF THE PRESENTATIONS DURING THE SEMINAR. One of the students describes the work of the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission, a division of Home Missions.

our hearts; He still gives us the opportunities to proclaim it; and He will give us the strength to carry out what we have seen to be His holy will for us, the winning of our fellow man for our Savior."

The Theme: the Mission Fair

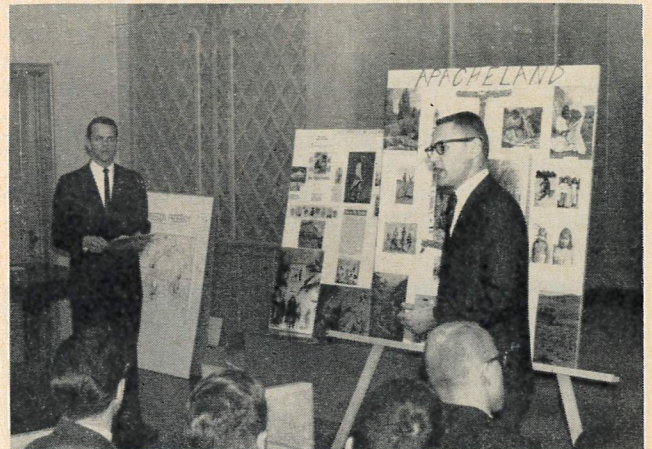
Professor Frederic Blume, the faculty Mission Seminar adviser, and the two mission executive secretaries had set up a program which would highlight and give a working demonstration of the Mission Fair, otherwise also called Mission Weekend or Mission Conference.

The plans provided for five sessions of the faculty and students for a presentation of the entire mission program, Home and World Missions, the work of the Relief Committee, the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission and the Children's Friend Society.

All the congregations of the Milwaukee area had been invited to an open house on Thursday evening to receive a demonstration by the students of a typical Mission Fair.

Open House Well Attended

Pastor James Schaefer, the speaker for the open-house program, explained from personal experience the nature and purpose of the weekend mission programs by congregations and circuits.



A GRAPHIC PORTRAYAL of the facts regarding the Apache Mission work is given by one of the Seniors. Every phase of our present missionary endeavors was treated during the Seminar.



A TYPICAL SCENE DURING THE OPEN HOUSE. At a number of stations exhibits had been set up, and at each several students were present to give brief talks and to answer questions.

Quoting from an article* by Pastor Kurt Koeplin, the man who promoted the Mission Weekend in his own church at Tecumseh, Michigan, very successfully and then spearheaded the "Operation Hong Kong" series of area Mission Weekends in seven Michigan circuits last fall, Pastor Schaefer said, "The Mission Fair or Weekend is simply a family-size Mission Festival, the answer to the question, Is the old Mission Festival a corpse, or a sleeping giant?"

* *Lutheran Educator*, October, 1964.

Five Important Factors

Pastor Koeplin's formula for a successful Mission Weekend program consists of the four P's: Prayer, Planning, Promotion, and Publicity. Both Pastor Schaefer and Pastor Karl Bast of Madison, who delivered the keynote address on Monday morning, added a fifth P — Participation.

Four Laymen

Pastor Karl Bast carried out this idea beautifully on the basis of the story of the Healing of the Palsied Man. The four laymen, according to Mark 2:1-12, made it possible for their incapacitated fellow man to come to Jesus for healing. "Borne of four," through the self-sacrifice and cooperation of his friends, the man was lifted up and let down through the roof at the feet of Jesus.

This effort, this ingenuity, this love is required of those today who would bring the multitudes to Christ.

The reward, said Pastor Bast, lies in the joy over the healing, as well as over the praise of those who came to faith in the Savior.



AUTHENTIC JAPANESE COSTUMES were worn by the student guides at this exhibit. Both the mass of material gathered and the attention to detail were impressive.

"Fuel does not make a fire; it only feeds it"

So stated Mr. Fred Fallen, student leader of the Mission Seminar, in pointing out that no mere device, no matter how ingenious and attractive it might be, will accomplish anything, unless the spirit behind the effort is God-pleasing.

The true mission spirit, the spirit of Christ in seeking to save that which was lost, is essential; this he considered the most important part of the program presented by the students, and this same spirit would have to pervade the effort in the congregations and circuits to produce worthwhile results.

Mission Spirit Evident

Indeed, it was such a spirit of love for Christ and souls that motivated the reports and findings of the student committees. And it was exactly this fact that made the Mission Seminar noteworthy.

Smooth organization of speakers and displays, thorough mastery of the subject matter, convincing and interesting presentations by the student reporters — all these were there. But above all, there was evident

a spirit of humble dedication to the whole cause of the Lord, to foster and support a total soul-seeking program. This was true of those who had vicar experience and had canvassed large urban areas, on which they based their report, but it was also true of those who had little practical contact with the work of missions and charities.

Visual Demonstrations

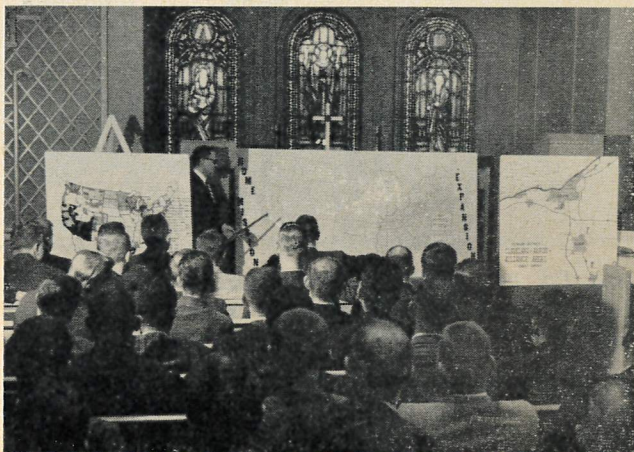
Stimulating suggestions were made; effective map, chart, graph, slide, and filmstrip reports were given in the assembly and repeated in the various display areas throughout the building on Thursday evening for the open house.

The result was that many requests came to the students for demonstrations and lectures on the material, in congregations of the Milwaukee area particularly.

The accompanying pictures speak for themselves to show the scope and the quality of the work produced.

Faculty Cooperation

The spirit of cooperation between faculty and students was most heartening. All the students were involved, although not all could present reports. The work was assigned to committees who cooperated in producing their report or display and elected one of their number to make the presentation. The Juniors again were happy to respond to the call for volunteers to mimeograph the material for the student body, the faculty, and the mission boards.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANSION which the Lord is giving our Synod received due attention. Here a student is recounting recent expansion in Home Missions and telling of the bright prospects for further expansion.

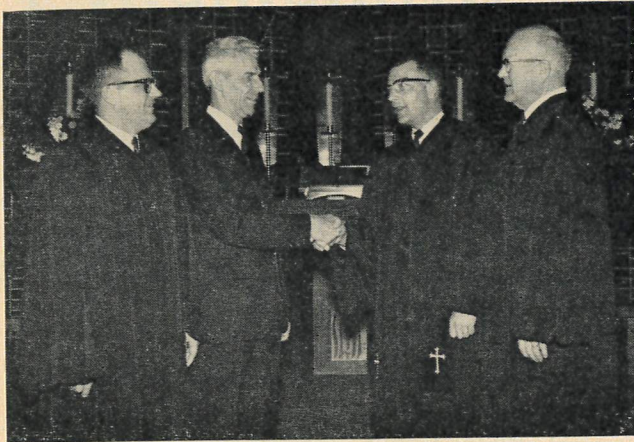
Summing It All Up

In answer to his own question, "What does all this mean?" Professor Blume summed up his impressions at the close of Friday's session thus, "We have covered the whole range of our mission program, our soul conservation program, our relief and spiritual welfare program; and we have all been instructed and inspired to go out in the Lord's name and put it to good effect. If we could get this material and this spirit out to all our people, what a force we would become as a synod, for the highest good!"

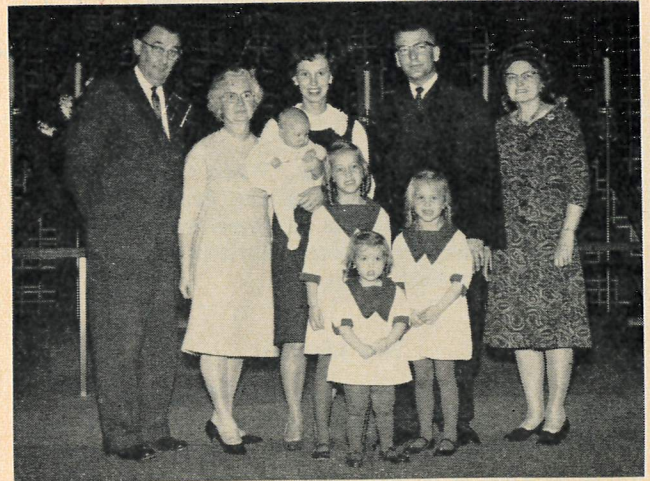
"Our members have a ready ear and a warm heart," he continued. "This week the Seminary and many of our neighboring pastors and congregations were involved. Similarly we could involve all our other members, if we

would dispose of some of our rugged individualism and learn ever better to walk and work together as members one of another for the Lord's sake."

EDGAR HOENECKE



WISHING THE LORD'S RICH BLESSING TO MISSIONARY MEIER are these members of the Executive Committee for the Japanese Mission (l. to r.): Pastor Marlyn Schroeder, Mr. Clarence Krause of Milwaukee, and Pastor Harry Shiley.



THE FAMILY AND CLOSE RELATIVES OF THE MISSIONARY were present for the commissioning. Shown are (back row l. to r.): Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Henning, parents of Mrs. Norbert Meier; Mrs. N. Meier, with Ronald in her arms; Pastor Norbert Meier; Mrs. Esther Meier, his mother. The other Meier children are: Jeneane, Lori (in front), and Karen.

Commissioning of Pastor Norbert Meier Will Serve in Japan

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified." These words form but a portion of the text (II Thess. 3:1-5) used at the commissioning service of Pastor Norbert Meier to Japan. The speaker, the Rev. Edgar Hoenecke, Executive Secretary for the Board for World Missions, reminded the assembly that we, as Christians, are to glorify our God and to bear witness of His name to the ends of the earth. The speaker further pointed out how the Lord has placed His finger of special assignment upon Norbert Meier in calling him to labor for Him in Japan. Though these labors, at times, will prove trying and difficult, it is this same Lord who strengthens and upholds the missionary and his family in this specialized service of the Church.

The commissioning service was held at First Lutheran in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, on Sunday, January 24, at

7:30 P.M. The chairman of the Board for the Japan Mission, Pastor Harry Shiley, conducted the rite of commissioning, assisted by Pastors Donald Meier, Edgar Hoenecke, and Marlyn Schroeder. Pastor Donald Meier, pastor of First Lutheran and brother of Missionary Norbert Meier, served as the liturgist. The choir from First Lutheran sang a hymn with words specifically written for the occasion by the director of the choir.

The Circuit LWMS ladies served refreshments in a get-acquainted hour following the service.

Missionary and Mrs. Meier and their four children will leave for Japan from O'Hare Field in Chicago on February 15. They will reside in Tokyo during the missionary's course of language training.

MARLYN SCHROEDER

AN OPPORTUNITY

— to support a cause that is exceptionally worthwhile

On another page of this issue you will find considerable information about the Free Conference, to be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 13-15, 1965.

Because of its very nature, the Free Conference does not have the support of any synodical body. But contributions by individuals and congregations are necessary to make such a conference possible. Gifts in any amount will be welcome. All donations should be sent directly to the Free Conference Treasurer:

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Anniversaries

Golden Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weiland of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Kendall, Wisconsin, on December 23, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zimmerman of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Kendall, Wisconsin, on December 30, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borgardt of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Pickett, Wisconsin, on January 31, 1965.

What do
you mean..



Atonement ?

ATONEMENT AND RECONCILIATION

To the Romans Paul writes, "When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son" (Rom. 5:10). Paul indicates in these words that there is a close connection between Christ's work of atonement and our reconciliation.

Not Identical

We, that is, the whole world of sinners, are the beneficiaries of both of these divine actions. But atonement and reconciliation are not identical. From the words of Paul it is clear that the act of reconciliation was dependent on the work of atonement. The death of God's Son was the basis for our reconciliation.

Not a Two-Way Reconciliation

From its ordinary, everyday usage the word "reconciliation" may create a wrong impression in our minds with regard to its meaning in the Scriptures. We speak of a husband and wife who have had a disagreement as being "reconciled" when they patch up their differences. They admit that they have both been at fault. They mutually have a change of heart.

The Fault Was All Man's

The Scriptures, however, never speak of *God* as being reconciled. It is always *we* who are affected by this change. "We were reconciled to God" (Rom. 5:10). "God was in Christ reconciling *the world* unto himself" (II Cor. 5:19). The fault did not lie on both sides. It lay only on man's. For even though man sinned and rebelled against God, God still loved the world and gave His only-begotten Son, "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Man Made "at One" With God

The world was, as it were, in rebellion against God. A state of enmity prevailed. But through the death of Christ, as a result of His atoning, propitiatory sacrifice, God brought about a new relationship. Christ "is our *peace*" (Eph. 2:14). It pleased God, "having made *peace* through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself" (Col. 1:20). Christ has brought about an atonement, which means, literally, an "at-ONE-ment." Man is now "at one" with God.

No Change in Man Toward God

This does not mean, however, that there has been a change in man's attitude toward God. The carnal mind

is still "enmity against God" (Rom. 8:7). Rebellious sinners have not become friends of God. Such a change takes place only when the Holy Ghost takes away their stony heart and gives them a heart of flesh (Ezek. 11:19), when He in His grace by the power of His Word brings obstinate sinners to faith in Christ Jesus.

A Just God Could Not Tolerate Our Sin

Neither, however, has there been a change in God's personal attitude toward us. Because of sin we were all, to be sure, "the children of wrath" (Eph. 2:3). God's holy anger was provoked by our sins. His righteousness, holiness, and justice would not permit Him to tolerate or to close an eye to sin.

Divine Wrath and Divine Love

And yet, although His righteous wrath was justly kindled, at the same time His deep love for man, the crown of His creation, the creature whom He had fashioned in His own image, as a reflection of His own sublime righteousness and holiness, in order that man might enjoy the most intimate communion and fellowship with Him — that love never faltered. The comparison is far from perfect because God's love was infinitely greater than any other love we can name, but we may, nevertheless, help ourselves to gain a partial understanding of God's attitude by comparing it with that of a loving parent who has been provoked to anger by a disobedient child. The parent's love is not suspended even when he is compelled to punish his errant child.

With reference to this uninterrupted, never-failing love of God, Prof. Joh. P. Meyer writes, "In spite of the fact that we by our sins had aroused His righteous wrath, He had never wavered in His love toward us; and the more we burdened ourselves with sin and guilt, the more we displayed our aversion to His holy will, all the more His pitying love rose to ever greater heights in its efforts to save us, and finally brought the unbelievable sacrifice of His own Son" (*Ministers of Christ*, p. 114).

A Change in Man's Status

But there has been a change in man's *status* before God. The shedding of Christ's blood on the cross has changed man's relationship to God. That is the momentous import of Paul's words, "When we were enemies, *we were* reconciled to God by the death of his Son."

WILBERT R. GAWRISCH

Evolution Versus Creation

Even though evolution has been abandoned by the better scientists everywhere, there will always be the great mass of educationists who will stoutly refuse to give up the theory of evolution. The reason for this stubbornness of contention can easily be traced to the fact that the enemies of the Bible everywhere greet with joyous acclaim this theory propagated by Darwin, for they claim that evolution had with a single stroke annihilated the doctrine of creation.

The Calgary Herald (Sept. 28) carried the headline: "Textbook Controversy Solved," and then proceeded to deal with an Alberta textbook entitled *Elements of Biology*, which this year includes a "supplement to the text," and sets forth a brief paragraph "for those who believe in a divinely created world." Yet the textbook still declares: "There is now little doubt that living things owe their origin to certain physical and chemical properties of the ancient earth. Nothing supernatural seems to have been involved."

Has any controversy been solved? Is it not still — "Evolution versus Divine Creation?" Some milk-and-water theologians have attempted to believe in "theistic evolution" (so-called). Such timid theologians became alarmed, fearing that science had succeeded in proving that all things were produced by evolution, that evolution was an established science, instead of the bogey that it is.

They therefore attempted to reconcile theology with this evolutionary theory, to convert the lion into a lamb by calling it theistic evolution.

Whenever a real evolutionist hears of a theologian who attempts to believe that evolution is God's method of creation (calling it theistic evolution), he only smiles to himself, knowing that the theologian has surrendered all the miraculous and the supernatural — has surrendered the God of the Bible. Between evolution and Christianity there is and can be nothing but the sharpest antagonism. Christian evolution is inconceivable. The textbook controversy has not been solved, and will never be solved

by any attempt to reconcile these essential antagonisms. (*The Prairie Overcomer*, Jan. 1965.)

Marriage and the Church

Stark County (Ohio) Judge John Milligan, a Presbyterian elder, says the church must "tighten the spiritual belt on marriage." "Frankly I am concerned that the invocation of God's grace at the time of marriage is often no more than a shallow formality and that the spiritual implications of marriage quickly lose their effect upon many young people," the judge said.

"Although the church involves many clergymen dedicated to preserving marriages and saving families, the facts, coupled with personal experience, indicate that the church is really irrelevant to the matter of marriage," Judge Milligan declared.

The church isn't exactly irrelevant to marriage in one sense, because a church ceremony is still more pleasing to most people than one in the parlor of the local magistrate. Where "the belt must be tightened" is in the Christian significance of the marriage vows, for it is tragic that so many weddings today are merely social occasions — a religious pause en route for the champagne.

Even outsiders recognize the hollow sham of a ceremony that purports to invoke God's blessing on a couple who up to the time of saying the vows has never shown any signs of owning Christ as Savior and Lord.

The church doesn't owe every person a ceremony. Persons entering marriage are entering a relationship so solemn that the Bible says it's a picture of Christ's love for His church. Anything that demeans that lofty concept is unworthy of any church or pastor that names the name of Christ.

Careful examination of candidates for marriage — about their spiritual, physical, and emotional fitness — would help to elevate the church's standards. God's blueprint for marriage should be taught in personal counseling, as well as in regular Sunday School and church classes. (*The Sunday School Times*, Jan. 16, 1965.)

"Crime of the Century"

That is the stinging title of an article on missions in the January 1965 issue of *Christian Life*.

Billy Graham is quoted as saying: "To date we have failed. After 50 generations, only 35% of the people on the earth have heard the Gospel presented. Many of us have aimed the wrong way.

"I know of one church which spent more than \$500,000 in a building program in four years. During the same time it spent only \$15,000 for foreign missions. Look at the thousand tribes with no missionary and 1700 languages with nary a single word of Scripture. See the millions upon millions dying without Christ. And around the world those people are crying to us, 'Hurry, hurry, we are perishing without the Gospel. Come and help us.'"

"Billy Graham is right," says the writer, Fred Jarcis. "There are millions. I have seen them with my own eyes — myriads of miserable men, unloved, unsought, untold, unsaved. The crime is that this condition exists despite the 2,000-year-old command to go with the Gospel.

"In the past year, according to official denominational reports, the average American church member gave \$41 to his own church, but less than \$1.50 to foreign missions.

"The church today, whether we realize it or not, is guilty. We dare not excuse our abominations any longer. It is wickedness that we refuse to warn the wicked. We have been unfaithful doing a thousand good, but secondary, things that God never told us to do, specializing in the trivial, majoring in minors, feeding the fat, promoting our puny home-side programs while the perishing world has rushed to hell.

"Far too much effort has been spent edifying the saints, instead of evangelizing the sinners. World-evangelization and not self-edification is what God wants of us. We are debtors to the least, the last, and the lost. Christ is necessary for all or He is not necessary at all. . . . We stress sacrifice abroad, but at home we stress security."

The Second Lutheran Free Conference

The second Lutheran Free Conference will be held July 13-15, 1965, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The conference will develop the theme "Justification: God and Sinners Reconciled."

Unless a pastor, teacher, or layman asked to be placed on the mailing list for the first Lutheran Free Conference, no personal invitations will be sent out to constituents of the Wisconsin Synod. This notice should be considered as an invitation to those interested in attending.

For details of registration write to the Arrangements Committee, 11844 N Seminary Drive 65 W, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092. The following questions and answers will supply interested persons with pertinent information about the conference.

WHY ARE THESE CONFERENCES BEING CALLED?

Many pastors and laymen in various Lutheran synods are concerned with "liberalism" which marks much Lutheran thought today. Many of these are especially concerned about the dilution of the doctrine of inspiration by neo-orthodox influence and by accommodation to current scientific theories which ultimately affects all the other Scriptural doctrines.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THESE CONFERENCES?

The immediate purpose is to provide a forum for mutual strengthening of all those who are concerned about an uncompromising confession of doctrines currently being jeopardized in the Lutheran Church. The ultimate objective is to obtain full unity in the understanding of the Lutheran Confessions and in their application in practical church life.

ON WHAT BASIS ARE THESE CONFERENCES BEING CALLED?

The basis is agreement on the doctrine of the inerrancy, inspiration, authority, and historicity of Scripture, and on the necessity of doctrinal unity as a prerequisite for joint worship and church work. (This does not mean that everyone already has the same understanding in all matters.)

WHO IS SPONSORING THESE CONFERENCES?

A group of 23 concerned individuals from various Lutheran bodies constitutes the Arrangements Committee, which is sponsoring the Conference. It is not sponsored by any synod or church body.

WHY ARE THEY CALLED "FREE" CONFERENCES?

The Arrangements Committee defined a free conference as "a meeting of individuals who meet as free agents, not representing their church bodies as such."

WHO PAYS THE EXPENSES OF THESE CONFERENCES?

Interested individuals and congregations are meeting these expenses with donations sent directly to the Conference treasurer, Mr. Robert G. Frick, 733 Community Drive, LaGrange Park, Illinois. Part of the expense is also covered by the registration fee. It does not have the financial support of any synodical body.

WHEN WAS THE FIRST CONFERENCE HELD?

The first Conference was held July 7-9, 1964, at Waterloo, Iowa. The subject studied was the doctrine of the Scriptures — inspiration, revelation, etc.

WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THAT CONFERENCE?

The conference voted to "go on record that it finds itself in agreement with the substance of the various essays as set forth in their summaries. This encouraged the participants to ask that a second conference be arranged.

WHAT IS THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SECOND FREE CONFERENCE?

The Conference will be held on July 13-15, 1965, at the Town House Motor Hotel at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM FOR THE SECOND CONFERENCE?

The general topic will be JUSTIFICATION: "GOD AND SINNERS RECONCILED." Six essays centering on this subject will be presented and discussed. Interested persons will receive in advance a copy of the essay topics and points to be covered in the essays.

WHO IS INVITED AS A PARTICIPANT?

All — pastors, teachers, laymen — who find themselves in agreement with the purpose and basis of these conferences are invited to participate.

HOW DOES ONE BECOME A PARTICIPANT?

Registration with the Arrangements Committee makes one a *participant*. Such registration will be accepted as an expression of agreement with the purpose and basis of the Conference. Anyone not wishing to attend as a participant may register as an *observer* or *visitor*. Registration may be made by addressing the Arrangement Committee at 11844N Seminary Drive 65W, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092.

WHAT IS THE COST FOR AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT?

a) There is a \$5.00 registration fee (if both husband and wife attend, only one \$5.00 fee is paid; observers pay the \$5.00 fee and receive all materials; visitors

pay a \$1.00 fee but receive no materials); b) Each one is expected to take care of his own transportation and lodging. Information on lodging facilities will be sent out to all registrants.

WILL FURTHER CONFERENCES BE HELD?

These conferences will continue to be arranged as long as there is a sufficient number of interested participants who request them.

Pacific Northwest

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

On December 6, 1964, friends and members of Grace Lutheran Church, Yakima, Washington, held a surprise celebration for Pastor T. R. Adascheck on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary in the ministry. The celebration included a delicious meal served by the ladies of the congregation, a program featuring the talents of some of the members, and a special church service. There were 350 people in attendance.

The church service was conducted by Pastor Paul Albrecht of Ellensburg, Washington, and the sermon was preached by Pastor Warren Widmann of Zillah, Washington. The preacher based his sermon on the same text that was used when Pastor Adascheck was ordained and installed in Grace Lutheran Church 25 years ago, Matthew 11:25-30.

During his 25 years in the ministry, Pastor Adascheck has shown himself to be a dedicated and faithful worker in the Lord's vineyard. The Lord has richly blessed his labors, for not only has Grace Congregation grown steadily but also two daughter congregations were started in the past 25 years.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord for such a faithful and diligent worker in His kingdom and for all the blessings which have been given through him!

Notes

The new chapels of Calvary Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Washington, and of Grace Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington, are rapidly being completed. Salem Lutheran Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, both of the Seattle area, have selected architects to draw plans for their chapels. Vacancies continue at missions in Spokane, Washington, Eugene, Oregon, and Salem, Oregon.

ARNOLD H. ZIMMERMANN

WILL THERE BE JOINT WORSHIP AT THE CONFERENCE?

Since the Conference will be composed of Lutherans from various bodies not in fellowship, no joint worship will be held. A moment of silence will provide opportunity for all to implore the Lord's blessings upon the Conference.

JAMES P. SCHAEFER, Chairman
Invitation and Publicity Committee

Direct from the Districts

Nebraska

Changes

It has been quite some time since the Nebraska District news has been reported. During the past year a great number of changes have taken place. We have been privileged to welcome the following new men into our District — Pastors: G. P. Eckert at Hastings, Nebraska; R. Kuckhahn at Batesland and Martin, South Dakota; D. Sievert at Columbus-Rising City, Nebraska; A. Ehlers at Beatrice, Nebraska; J. Manteufel at Aurora, Nebraska; W. Hoyer at Sioux City, Iowa; J. B. Erhart at Stockton, Kansas. Teachers: D. Hennig at Grand Island, Nebraska; M. Roehler at Norfolk, Nebraska. Vicars: P. Seiltz at Geneva, Nebraska; N. Paul at Naper, Nebraska.

Groundbreaking

St. James of Golden, Colorado (H. Schultz, pastor), broke ground for a new church and school on September 13, 1964.

Anniversaries

Zion Lutheran of Valentine, Nebraska (E. Lindquist, pastor), celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of organization on June 21, 1964. Christ Lutheran of Grand Island, Nebraska (W. Wichmann, pastor), celebrated its twentieth anniversary on December 6, 1964. Pastor R. Vollmers of Littleton, Colorado, celebrated the forty-fifth anniversary of his ordination on September 22, 1964. He retired from the ministry on November 15, 1964. Mt. Olive of Lincoln, Nebraska (L. Gruendeman, pastor), celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on January 17, 1965.

Dedication

Zion Lutheran of Bonesteel, South Dakota, dedicated a new church building on June 7, 1964.

Vacancies

Many of our congregations are without the service of a full-time pastor and thus are calling from the field. They are: Good Hope of Omaha, Nebraska; Newton, Iowa; Halstead, Kansas; Bonesteel-Herrick, South Dakota; Gresham-Garrison, Nebraska; Las Animas, Colorado and the joint parish of Littleton-Atonement, Denver, Colorado. The parishes at Geneva and Naper, Nebraska, now being served by vicars, will also be calling.

Devotional Radio Service

The four churches of our Synod in the Omaha-Council Bluffs area are sponsoring a 15-minute devotional radio service from 10:00-10:15 Sunday mornings on Omaha Radio Station KOWH (660 k.c.). This mission effort began the first Sunday in October. The listening area includes the greater part of Nebraska and Western Iowa. The support and response to this service has thus far been very encouraging.

Kansas

Pastor J. B. Erhart has become our second full-time missionary in the state of Kansas. He is serving St. Paul's Congregation in Stockton, Kansas. Topeka, Kansas, also has a full-time missionary in the person of Pastor H. Bittorf, formerly of Halstead, Kansas. Preliminary work has been done in Kansas City, and every effort will be made to begin services as soon as possible. This state provides many new fields and very appropriately we can say, "The fields are white unto the harvest."

HERBERT F. LICHTENBERG

Lutheran Collegians Active at Ann Arbor University of Michigan Group

"... for our spiritual edification, for common service of Christ, and for Christian fellowship..." These words are found in the preamble to the Constitution of the Lutheran Collegians, University of Michigan Chapter. They are the center core of the work and fun of the newly organized Lutheran college students, Wisconsin Synod. Though in existence for less than a year, the Collegians at the University of Michigan have placed themselves on a firm base and continue to add strength. The group operates from Darlington Church, with Pastor Robert Baer as advisor.

The officers of the chapter are: President: Paul Niffenegger (South Haven, Michigan); Vice-President: Karl Siderits (Milwaukee, Wisconsin); Secretary: Lou Ann Otto (Zilwaukee, Michigan); Membership Committee Chairman: Linda Oakley (Detroit, Michigan).

Activities of the past semester have been varied. Twice a month members meet for regularly scheduled gatherings which include business of the group activities followed by an evening's discussion of previously chosen topics by the Activities Committee. In October, the group played host to Dr. Peter Chang, Hong Kong missionary, at Darlington and later decided that the group might possibly help support a student at the mission. The Activities Committee has also sought to bring the name and purposes of the Collegians to the campus as a whole by having members present with information at University-sponsored religious lectures and at Activities Day during registration, where new students and old may become acquainted with University organizations.

A Membership Committee contacts all known Wisconsin Synod students on campus each semester with in-

formation of church services and of the group itself. This committee also seeks to reach unchurched students. A Publication Committee prints a monthly newsletter and serves as contact agency for all members and prospective members. In the near future the same committee plans to serve as correspondence contact with other Collegian chapters.

The Collegians offer "fun, food, and friends" at planned outings and get-togethers. Last fall there were football games followed by supper. One of these outings was a pleasant afternoon spent at the church youth camp, Lake Kilarney. In December, just before examinations, members enjoyed the group's first Christmas party. A mild winter with little snow has hampered hoped-for activities like snowball fights, ice-skating, and tobogganing. The Collegians have, however, thoroughly enjoyed indoor gatherings that give fully "fun, food, and friends."

MAYNARD SHIER, Chairman
Publications Committee

† Pastor E. R. Blakewell †

Funeral services were conducted on January 2, 1965, for Pastor Edward Roland Blakewell at Divinity Church, Whitefish Bay. Pastor John G. Jeske preached the sermon on Isaiah 40:6-8, setting forth the everlasting power of God's Word in spite of the passing frailty of man. Pastor Luther M. Voss was liturgist and read the committal at Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee.

This veteran of the Word was born April 12, 1896, to Edward L. Blakewell and his wife Louise, nee Bartz, at Baraboo, Wisconsin. There he was baptized in St. John's Church, and kneeling there at his confirmation he promised loyalty to that covenant of God. From Baraboo High School he transferred to the preparatory department of Northwestern College, Watertown, to study for the ministry. He was a member of the college class of 1918.

On September 4, 1917, instead of entering the senior year of college, he went into the U.S. Army. Within a month he was graded a sergeant, and in a year he was commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery. He was honorably discharged in December 1918.

In September of 1919 he became a student of the Wauwatosa Lutheran Seminary. In 1922 he was graduated and followed a call to Brookings, South Dakota, as student pastor at State College. While serving there, he gathered a group of families to form First English Lutheran Church of Aurora, South Dakota.

October 19, 1923, he entered holy matrimony with Ruth, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Enno Duemling of the Milwaukee Lutheran Institutional Mission.

In 1928 he followed a call of the Southeastern Wisconsin District to begin a mission in the Woodlawn and National Avenues area. But the Mission Board that same year urgently requested that he go to Epiphany Church, Racine. From there he came to Salem Church, Milwaukee, in 1933.

When the Spiritual Welfare Commission was appointed by Synod, he was made executive chairman. He was responsible for the spiritual care of the men and women of our Synod in the U.S. armed services. During World War II and the Korean conflict he organized and directed a staff that contacted them by mail regularly. "God Our Refuge," a pocket companion of meditations gathered

and edited by him, was treasured by many thousands of servicemen.

During his ministry to service people, he became pastor of Divinity Church.

With the years his health failed. He was hospitalized repeatedly in 1964. The Lord took him home on December 30.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; his son Donald of Wausau, Wisconsin; his daughters Marilyn, Mrs. Marvin Otterstatter, and Carol, Mrs. Donald Stoffer, both of Milwaukee; his brother Roland of Merrimac; and his sister, Mrs. Dolores Schroeder of Baraboo. There are six grandsons.

LUTHER VOSS

† Pastor Kurt Geyer †

Funeral services for Pastor Kurt Geyer were conducted in Zion Lutheran Church, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, on Monday, January 25, 1965. The Rev. Eugene Kitzerow of Crivitz, Wisconsin, preached the sermon on the basis of the words of aged Simeon as he by the grace of God was privileged to view the Christ-Child and to exclaim: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." The Rev. Victor Schultz of Lena, Wisconsin,

addressed the mourners in behalf of the Lake Superior Conference of the Northern Wisconsin District, and the undersigned acted as liturgist.

Pastor Kurt Geyer was born January 7, 1886, in Ratibor, a province of Silesia, Germany, where he attended the Royal Frederick William College. When he was 24 years old, he emigrated to the United States and enrolled at the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Seminary, then located in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Upon his graduation in 1912, the Lord called him to serve in the

Brookside-Abrams-Little Suamico parish in Northern Wisconsin. After three years he accepted the call of the Lord to Peshtigo, Wisconsin, and served as pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo for 48 years until his retirement in November of 1963.

He was united in the bonds of holy matrimony on January 21, 1913, with Elsie Kionka, and was by God's providence able to celebrate his golden wedding anniversary in January 1963.

Upon his retirement from the active parish ministry, he made his

home in Rockford, Illinois. The almighty God suddenly called him from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven, as the result of a heart attack suffered while traveling through Memphis, Tennessee.

Left to mourn his passing are his beloved wife; two sons, Roland and Hans; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Nitzsche and Mrs. Magdalene Thrun; a brother-in-law, the Rev. Carl Kionka; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ernst Behm; 15 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

DELTON J. TILLS

Editorials

(Continued from page 51)

This characterization of "traditionalism" may stand. Any theologian who "accepts what has been because it always has been" is in danger of letting archaeology determine theology. If the "traditionalist" answers present-day questions and problems merely by playing a gramophone record, such an approach to theology is "easier and more comfortable."

The fallacy lies in offering only two choices. Either one is held to be a reactionary "traditionalist" who merely parrots the formulas the fathers perfected, or he is a pioneering thinker who believes that there must be new theological formulations every 30 years. This "either-or" is an easy and comfortable oversimplification.

There is a third approach, the traditional (not "traditionalistic") or historic approach. It is the constant study of current issues in theology and at the same time the constant restudy and the continuing defense of the Scriptural position held by the fathers.

This is not an easy approach. It is a lonely task. Today most of the scholars and the resources are on the other side. Comparatively few hold the line for the Bible Christianity of two or three generations ago. In some respects it is also a thankless task. Traditional theology is not popular theology. No matter how well traditional theology is stated or how ably it is defended, it will not be praised or rewarded by the world about us. The scholarly world derides traditional theology, and the liberal churchmen are ashamed of it.

This third way is not a comfortable way. Try defending Genesis 1-3 and the Book of Jonah, without compromise, against the popular dicta of science; try holding an anchor against the ecumenical tide; try censoring prayer, pulpit, and platform fraternization; try exposing social evangelism; try correcting current Biblical scholarship. If that is easy, then Jeremiah and Amos, Elijah, and John the Baptist also led comfortable lives.

CARLETON TOPPE

SPRING TOUR — NORTHWESTERN MALE CHORUS

Wednesday	April 14	New London, Wis.	Emanuel Lutheran
Thursday	April 15	Peshtigo, Wis.	St. John's Lutheran
Friday	April 16	Algoma, Wis.	St. Paul's Lutheran
Friday	April 16	Milwaukee, Wis.	Mt. Lebanon Lutheran
Saturday	April 17	La Crosse, Wis.	Mt. Calvary Lutheran
Sunday	April 18	St. Paul, Minn.	Emanuel Lutheran
Sunday	April 18	Menomonie, Wis.	St. Paul's Lutheran
Monday	April 19	St. James, Minn.	St. Paul's Lutheran
Tuesday	April 20	Delano, Minn.	Mt. Olive Lutheran
Wednesday	April 21	New Ulm, Minn.	Dr. Martin Luther College
Thursday	April 22	Baraboo, Wis.	Zion Lutheran
Friday	April 23	Rhineland, Wis.	St. John's Lutheran
Saturday	April 24	Green Bay, Wisconsin	First Lutheran
Sunday	April 25	Appleton, Wis.	Fox Valley Lutheran High
Sunday	April 25	Fond du Lac, Wis.	Winnebago Lutheran Academy

REQUESTS FOR NOMINATIONS

The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College herewith invites members of the Synod to place in nomination the names of men qualified for the position of physical education instructor and coach.

In order to assist the Board in its choice, kindly include pertinent information concerning the nominee.

All nominations must be in the hands of the undersigned not later than March 3, 1965.

Arthur Glende, Secretary
DMLC Board of Control
17 South Jefferson St.
New Ulm, Minn.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

New Ulm, Minnesota

Musical Events — 1964-1965 — Second Semester

Sunday	February 21	Band, Aeolians, and Marlut Singers	3:00 p.m.
Friday	March 26	Concert: College Choir II, Treble Choir, High School Choir	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 30	Recital, Jean Quast and Gayle Koepsell, organ	8:15 p.m.
Wednesday	April 21	Concert: Northwestern College Choir	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	April 25	Concert: College Choir I	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	May 2	Recital, Charles Luedtke, organ	3:30 and 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 4	Student Piano Recital	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	May 5	Student Piano Recital	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	May 9	Band, Aeolians, and Marlut Singers	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	May 12	Recital, Mrs. Marilyn Cade, piano	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 8	June Concert, Choirs and Band	8:15 p.m.

All events will be held in the College Auditorium except the organ recitals. These will be held in the Music Center Choir Room, No. 109.

MEILAHN ZAHN, Chairman, Music Department

CORRECTION

Audio-Visual Aids Committee Chairman

The 1965 Yearbook gave Pastor Paul Nitz as chairman of the Audio-Visual Aids Committee. This is not correct. The chairman is: Mr. Gerhard A. Gilbert, 3227 N. 12th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53206.

Kindly address all mail intended for the committee to this address:

Audio-Visual Aids Committee
3512 W. North Avenue
Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

CHOIR GOWNS WANTED

Peace Lutheran Choir of Clark, S. Dak., is looking for 20 used choir gowns. Please contact: Vernell F. Straub, 212 South Grant, Clark, S. Dak.

REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Pastor John O. Lang of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio, formerly a member of The American Lutheran Church, has applied for a colloquy and eventual membership in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Norman W. Berg, President
Michigan District

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Sacramento — Redding

Services are now being conducted at Redding, California. Assignment of a pastor to serve Sacramento and Redding is expected in May 1965. Meanwhile contact: Pastor G. F. Zimmermann
334 Eden Street
Lodi, Calif. 95242

DUPLICATOR FOR SALE

Speed-O-Print Model "L" automatic-feed duplicator, with counter, in good condition. Contact: Gale R. Meertz, 684 Congress St., Neenah, Wis. 54956.

AN OFFER

To any mission congregation or any church having need of church pews, St. John's Lutheran Church, R. 1, Ixonia, Wis., offers 20 pews free of charge. Please contact:

Mr. Edward Bankert, Jr.
314 Hy. 135
Oconomowoc, Wis.
Phone: 567-4284

POSITIONS OPEN AT Bethesda Lutheran Home

Immediate openings for individuals who have an interest in caring for mentally retarded residents. Applicants may be either male or female, single or married persons. No previous experience required. On-the-job training is provided.

The following positions are available:

1. Ward parents
2. Nursing assistants
3. Work crew foreman
4. Recreation leaders
5. Recreation aides
6. Farm workers
7. Kitchen workers

Starting salary range for a 40-hour work week is from \$2,080 to \$4,368 annually. Benefits include social security program, group insurance, paid holidays, paid sick leave, and two weeks of paid vacation annually.

For more information, contact the Personnel Manager, Bethesda Lutheran Home, 700 Hoffman Drive, Watertown, Wis. 53094.

PEWS AVAILABLE

Any mission congregation may have 24 pews from St. Paul's of Mauston, Wis. There are 24 pews, nine feet in length. They will be available in early April. Write:

The Rev. M. N. Herrmann
207 Williams St.
Mauston, Wis. 53948.

REQUEST FOR NAMES Area South of Chicago

Please send to the undersigned the names and addresses of Wisconsin Synod people living in or moving into these suburbs south of Chicago: Homewood, Flossmoor, Hazelcrest, East Hazelcrest, Markham, Harvey, Riverdale, Dolton, South Holland, Calumet City.

R. W. Shekner
416 Manchester Dr.
Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411
Phone: (312) 755-2512

WANTED

Copies "Soli Deo Gloria" Cantatas

We would like to rent or buy 75 copies of "Soli Deo Gloria," a sacred cantata, words by P. Kretzmann, music by G. Koepfel, 1921 copyright, Concordia Publishing House. Write any information at once to:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Corner State and Second N.
New Ulm, Minn.

NOTICE

Board of Trustees Meetings

The next two meetings of the full Board of Trustees are scheduled for April 27 and 28, 1965 (not April 26 and 27 as had been previously stated), and May 25 and 26, 1965. Business to be acted upon in either of these two Board meetings should be in the hands of the chairman of the Board of Trustees or its Executive Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting.

HAROLD H. ECKERT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Executive Secretary

SERVICES IN HIGHLAND PARK, N. J.

Services are being conducted on the last Sunday of each month at the Highland Park High School in Highland Park, N. J. Highland Park is a suburb of New Brunswick, which is Exit No. 9 of the New Jersey Turnpike. The service is at 7:30 p.m.

REQUEST FOR NAMES

New Mission in Topeka, Kans.

A Wisconsin Synod Lutheran mission has been established in Topeka, Kans. Services are held every Sunday morning at 10 a.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. The location until further notice is: Fifth and Western, Topeka (Seventh Day Adventist Church), H. W. Bittorf, pastor.

Please send all names of members, relatives, friends who are living in Topeka and the surrounding area to:

Pastor H. W. Bittorf
904 W. 37th St.
Topeka, Kans.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 20 to April 21, 1965.

Place: Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, S. Dak.

Opening Communion service: 10:00 a.m. CST. Preacher: R. Fenske (H. Flegel, alternate).

Essays: Exegetical-Homiletical Treatment of John 17:17-26 (Ascension), C. Cone; The Old Testament Believers' Concept of God, L. Dobberstein; The Sunday School and Confirmation Training of the Mentally Retarded, M. Putz; The Pastor as a Professional Man, R. Buss; The Practice of Having Sponsors: Historical Development and Re-evaluation, J. Murphy; Exegetical-Homiletical Treatment of the Synodical Conference Epistle Selection for Quasimodogeniti: Ephesians 2:11-18, D. Krenke.

Missionaries' Conference: April 19, 8:00 a.m. CST.

Please bring own bedding for lodging in the dormitory.

CYRIL W. SPAUDE, Secretary

MINNESOTA

CROW RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE

Date: Feb. 24, 1965.

Place: St. Paul's, Litchfield; J. Raabe, pastor.

Time: 10:00 a.m., beginning with Communion service.

Agenda: Book Review on "The Genesis Flood," R. Sievert; Recording of the Aaberg address at the Free Conference.

W. E. NEUMANN, Secretary

NEW ULM PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Feb. 24, 1965; 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, New Ulm, Minn.

Agenda: H. Jaster, The Essence of the Messianic Psalms; W. Lindke, Adult Instruction Manual (1:00 p.m.); B. Backer, Exegesis, Job 19:23-27; L. Hahnke, Article I of the Formula of Concord.

Communion service at 11:00 a.m. Confessional speaker, W. Lindke (alternate: J. Kurth).

A. H. REAUME, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1965.

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minn.; E. O. Schulz, pastor.

Time: Opening service with Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Preacher: W. O. Nommensen (alternate: W. J. Oelhafer).

Agenda: Luther's Large Catechism — The Second Commandment, W. F. Vatthauer; Exegesis of Jude, N. W. Kock; The Importance of Holding Firmly to Our Confessions Amid the Chaos of the Modern Ecumenical Age, J. H. Braun; Continuation of Tape Recording of Prof. J. P. Meyer's Lecture on the Gospel according to St. John; Discussion of Practice in Dealing with Nursing Homes and Homes for the Aged and Scheduled Services at these.

JEROME H. BRAUN, Secretary

NEBRASKA

CENTRAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Feb. 22 and 23, 1965.

Place: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hadar, Nebr.; G. Free, host pastor.

Time: Opening session at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: Wm. H. Wietzke.

Papers: The Augsburg Confession — Articles 14 and 15, C. E. Cone, Sr.; The Book of Haggai, An Isagogical Study, With Emphasis on Christian Giving, G. Free; Falling From Grace and Its Relationship to the Sin Against the Holy Ghost, E. Habermann; Regular Reports.

H. F. LICHTENBERG, Secretary

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SOUTHERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Feb. 23-24, 1965; opening session at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Grand Island; W. Wichmann, host pastor.

Sermon: D. Schmeling (H. Bittorf, alternate).

Papers: Article XXIII, Augsburg Confession, D. Schmeling; Isagogical Treatise of Obadiah, D. Sievert; The Beast of Revelation Exemplified by the Pope at Rome, R. Ehlers.

Reports: Mission and Academy Boards; Stewardship; Financial; Relief.

RONALD N. TISCHER, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Monday, Feb. 22, 1965.

Place: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis.; C. Koepsell, host pastor.

Time: 9:00 a.m. service with Holy Communion. Preacher: L. Ristow (alternate: G. Schaefer).

Agenda: Dan. 8, A. Schulz; Exegesis of Eph. (cont'd), K. Gurgel; Round Table Discussion of Practical Matters, D. Hallemeier—Discussion Leader; Exegesis of Passages in the Table of Duties, G. Ehler; Casuistry, Reports, Assignments.

GLENN H. UNKE, Secretary

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LAKE SUPERIOR PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Salem Lutheran, Escanaba, Mich.; J. Wendland, pastor.

Date: Feb. 23, 24, 1965.

Time: 9:30 a.m. E.S.T.

Communion service: Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. E.S.T.

Preacher: D. Sellnow (R. Shimek, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis: Gen. 29, J. Kiecker; Gen. 30, R. Shimek; Lenten Outline Series, J. Sauer; Sermon Outline Critique, V. Schultz; Exegesis: I John 2:15-29, E. Kitzrow; I John 3, P. Kuckhahn; Word and Study of 'Charis,' V. Schultz.

E. KITZEROW, Secretary

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LAKE LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Place: St. Matthew's, Niles, Ill.

Date: Feb. 25, 26, 1965.

Agenda: Christ, the Master Teacher, Raymond Behmer; Teaching Grammar in the Elementary Schools, Adair Moldenhauer; Testing and Measurement Meaning in Elementary Schools, Russell Griffin; The Liberty of the Christian Man, Rupert Rosin; Practical Modern Mathematics, Albert Nolting.

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Feb. 23, 1965.

Place: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Baraboo, Wis.
Preacher: A. Schubring (alternate, W. Schulz).

Agenda: Exegesis: Rom. 11:25, 26, E. Vomhof; Does God Hate Sin or the Sinner? A. Schubring; Constructive Criticism of Phillips' **Four Prophets**, D. Kempf; The Work of the Blue Ribbon Committee, C. Nommenson; The Reworking and Final Draft of the Sermon, L. Hohenstein.

All pastors are to bring along their Synodical Financial Reports and Subscriptions. D. KEMPF, Secretary

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CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Feb. 23, 1965.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beloit, Wis. Good Shepherd Church, 2447 Park Ave., is located on the north side of Beloit, three blocks east of Highway 51.

Time: 9:00 a.m.; Communion service at 11:00 a.m.

Speaker: H. Wicke (L. Pankow, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis, I John 5, R. Roth; President's Report, C. Mischke; Formula of Concord Thorough Declaration VI Of The Third Use Of The Law, J. Denninger; Divorce, F. Dobratz; Reports: Home Missions, H. Paustian; World Missions, M. Schroeder; Worker-Training, C. Leyrer; Financial, R. Hoenecke; Casuistry Questions and Other Conference Business.

Please announce to the host pastor, R. C. Hillemann.

RALPH POLZIN, Secretary

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CENTRAL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Place: Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Date: Feb. 26, 1965.

Agenda: The Third Commandment, Prof. Erwin Scharf; The Elementary School Principal, Mr. Arden Wentzel; A Report: What's New at Lakeside; Discussion of the "Blue Ribbon" Committee Report; Sectional meetings.

J. R. SCHULTZ,
Program Committee Chairman

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Installed

Pastors

Bergholz, H. W., as associate pastor of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wis., by F. Brandt; assisted by O. Sommer, F. Thierfelder, S. Johnson, H. Warnke; Jan. 31, 1965.

Erhart, J. B., as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Stockton, Kan., by H. F. Lichtenberg; assisted by Mark Liesener, David Schmeling, and Ronald Tischer; Jan. 17, 1965.

Schneider, James, as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Billings, Mont., by D. Valleskey; assisted by D. Zietlow, R. Zimmermann; Jan. 31, 1965; and as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lavina, Mont., by D. Valleskey; assisted by D. Zietlow; Jan. 31, 1965.

Steffenhagen, Robert, as pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Brookside, Wis., by Victor C. Schultz; assisted by J. Sauer, E. Ahlswede, and W. Steffenhagen; Jan. 3, 1965.

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LUTHERAN PIONEER CONVENTION

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CORRECTION

Date of Manpower Sunday

The date is March 7, as announced to all pastors by a letter from the Pastor-Teacher Recruitment Committee. The Feb. 7 Northwestern Lutheran erred in giving the date as February 7.

WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

1964 Pre-Budget Subscription Performance

	Subscription Amount for 1964	Offerings Received in 1964	Per cent of Subscription	Offerings Received in 1963	Per Cent Increase for 1964
Arizona-California	\$ 60,926	\$ 62,202.32	102.1	\$ 58,698.20	6.0
Dakota-Montana	106,569	108,575.51	102.8	109,479.01	(.8)
Michigan	403,439	424,081.90	105.1	404,554.85	4.8
Minnesota	509,874	521,134.96	102.2	502,093.17	3.8
Nebraska	100,209	98,794.83	98.6	93,745.12	5.4
Northern Wisconsin	533,607	552,264.21	103.5	516,259.89	7.0
Pacific Northwest	19,380	19,177.06	99.0	20,123.69	(4.7)
Southeastern Wisconsin	638,372	635,162.55	99.5	605,772.74	4.9
Western Wisconsin	575,172	567,993.36	98.8	554,225.43	2.5
TOTAL for 1964	\$2,947,548	\$ 2,989,386.70	101.4	\$ 2,864,952.10	4.3

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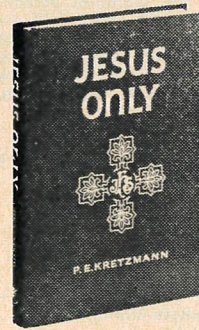
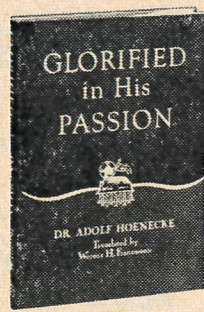
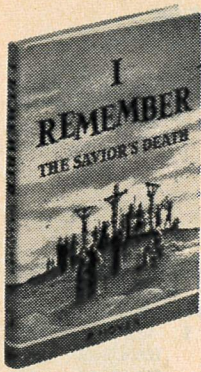
Budgetary Operating Statement July 1, 1964 to December 31, 1964

	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR	
	December 1964	Six Months July through December 1964	December 1963	Six Months July through December 1963
Budgetary Income:				
Offerings from Districts	\$339,837.53	\$ 1,393,397.09	\$246,105.08	\$ 1,319,079.88
Gifts and Memorials from members	6,010.22	18,159.56	2,717.26	6,698.36
Bequests for Budget				1,000.00
Trust Funds Income				19,516.57
Educ. Chgs. from Educ. Inst.	14,651.93	346,929.44	22,627.56	300,821.92
Other Income	78.98	782.80	90.51	723.77
TOTAL	\$360,578.66	\$ 1,759,268.89	\$271,540.41	\$ 1,647,840.50
Budgetary Disbursements:				
Worker-Training	\$140,006.28	\$ 1,101,971.52	\$147,779.27	\$ 935,222.19
Home Missions	60,913.98	438,416.27	74,304.79	460,642.07
World Missions	10,231.19	227,047.89	38,813.80	208,944.73
Benevolence	22,133.57	130,648.18	17,311.10	100,465.83
Administration and Promotion ..	17,642.16	125,877.98	15,387.83	118,049.50
TOTAL	\$250,927.18	\$ 2,023,961.84	\$288,596.79	\$ 1,823,324.32
Operating Gain or (Deficit)	\$109,651.48	(\$ 264,692.95)	(\$ 17,056.38)	(\$ 175,483.82)

Detail of Budgetary Disbursements

	This Year	Last Year	Increase (Decrease)
Operation, Replacement and Renewal			
Worker-Training	\$ 773,099.11	\$ 647,542.17	\$125,556.94
Home Missions	359,122.00	347,770.62	11,351.38
World Missions	227,047.89	204,150.06	22,897.83
Benevolences and Pension	130,648.18	100,465.83	30,182.35
Administration and Promotion	118,802.89	111,294.73	7,508.16
TOTAL	\$ 1,608,720.07	\$ 1,411,223.41	\$197,496.66
New Capital Investments			
Worker-Training	\$ 16,370.41	\$ 10,180.02	\$ 6,190.39
Home Missions	94.27	37,871.45	(37,777.18)
World Missions		1,078.67	(1,078.67)
Administration and Promotion	661.09	340.77	320.32
TOTAL	\$ 17,125.77	\$ 49,470.91	(\$ 32,345.14)
Appropriation for Future Capital Investments			
Worker-Training	\$ 312,502.00	\$ 277,500.00	\$ 35,002.00
Home Missions	79,200.00	75,000.00	4,200.00
World Missions		3,716.00	(3,716.00)
Administration and Promotion	6,414.00	6,414.00	
TOTAL	\$ 398,116.00	\$ 362,630.00	\$ 35,486.00
Total Budgetary Disbursements	\$ 2,023,961.84	\$ 1,823,324.32	\$200,637.52

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